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PM to land in London

General Dynamics tour. Surely Harper is hoping this visit goes more smoothly than his last

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper plans to visit London and tour General Dynamics on April 15, a leader of the local Conservative Party has confirmed for Metro.

It's believed a rally is also planned later that evening.

The stop will mark Harper's first in London since a controversial one in April 2011.

During that visit, a teen was evicted from a Harper rally because she had posted a photo of herself and former Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff on her Facebook page.

Another Londoner was told to leave the event at the Four Points Sheraton because he arrived in a vehicle with an NDP sticker on the bumper. This time, the appearance may be more positive for the PM.

General Dynamics trumpeted news in February that it had won a multi-billion dollar contract to build armoured vehicles for Saudi Arabia.

The 14-year contract will create and sustain more than 3,000 jobs, with approximately 40 per cent of the supply base in southwestern Ontario, officials have said.

International Trade Minister Ed Fast has said Harper personally stepped in on more than one occasion to ensure the contract went to General Dynamics.

The contract will start with a two-year design phase, before the first vehicles begin to roll off the production line in 2016.

The agreement has been called the largest trade deal in Canada's history, and brass at General Dynamics has said it means the end of uncertainty for the company's employees.

" ... The road ahead has never been brighter," General Dynamics vice-president Danny Deep told workers as the contract was announced earlier this year. **WITH FILES FROM DAVE LANGFORD/METRO**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, pictured here during Tuesday's question period in the House of Commons, is coming to the Forest City next week, sources have confirmed for Metro. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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City won't bail out cops from $268,000 shortfall

Budget deficit. Firm 'no' from mayor, councillors on covering police services' 2013 shortfall

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No. Definitely not.

Politicians gave a flat refusal Tuesday to taking $268,000 from city reserves to pay for the cops' 2013 budget shortfall.

There were twists and turns along the way, and the arguments — a return to the acrimony that marked the recent city budget debates about police funding — aren't over yet.

The debate began with an apology from Mayor Joe Fontana, but it ended with more tough talk directed at the cops, after the revelation that they'd come asking for money while they had $3 million in a reserve fund.

First, that apology.

Fontana was seen on TV last week tearing up a copy of the police letter that asked for the money to cover the 2013 deficit. He wanted to "formally apologize" to the police services board and Chief Brad Duncan for his conduct, he said at Tuesday's corporate services committee meeting.

Duncan was in the public gallery, but police board budget chair Paul Paolatto answered the questions, including Coun. Joe Swan's queries about how much money the cops might have set aside for a rainy day.

One fund, created in 2001 so the force can be ready for unexpected costs like a major homicide investigation, contains $3 million, Paolatto said, who used the phrase "war chest."

"This has been slowly built up over a number of years," he said.

But the fund could drop to $1.8 million, Paolatto added, due to pressures including council's refusal to grant the cops their full budget request for 2014.

There was also a surprise when city treasurer Martin Hayward explained it was his idea that the cops ask the city to cover the deficit from its own reserves, as it would for a city hall department.

But, in response to a question from Coun. Harold Usher, Hayward said this was a first for the police.

The committee voted 4-1 against the police request, with only Coun. Judy Bryant in favour. But that vote's just a recommendation to the full council, which meets next week and could see other councillors weigh in.

After the meeting, Fontana said awarding the money would have been "a dangerous precedent."

"I'm not sure that I buy this argument that you need a lot of money in the war chest," the mayor said.

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Chief Brad Duncan listens in the public gallery of council chambers on Tuesday as politicians debate his request to cover a $268,000 deficit of the police using a city reserve fund. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Premier's libel threat unique: Professor

Premier Kathleen Wynne might be threatening to take the opposition to court, but one expert doesn't expect the dispute to open a new can of worms for politicians across the province.

Stephen Pitel, an associate professor at Western University's law faculty, said Wynne's suit, if it actually ends up in court, would be a "one-off" not likely to be repeated broadly, if at all.

"The fact that one politician might sue in the law of defamation regarding things said by another politician — that in and of itself is not a trend," he said.

Wynne charges that Conservative leader Tim Hudak brought her character into disrepute by saying she "oversaw and possibly ordered the criminal destruction of documents to cover up the gas plant scandal."

She sent him cease and desist letters last week along with a notice of intent to file suit. Hudak has said he has no intent of going silent on the issue.

If others were to follow in Wynne's footsteps, it could have a big effect on political jabs as we know them, especially when it comes to the way elected officials talk to the media, Pitel said.

Trend or not, the situation at Queen's Park says a lot about today's political landscape, said London Coun. Joni Baechler.

Baechler herself has heard local politicians toss out insults and indignities that run the gamut from amusing to offensive, including a few she says have gone over the line.

Not playing party politics is key to peaceful resolution outside the courts, she said.

"What (the Wynne situation) says to me is that things have become so polarized and conflicted that (going to court) seems to be an option, and it's a time where parties are fighting for every vote they can get," she said.

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Premier Kathleen Wynne
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Students' Film Festival

Fest showcases high school talent

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School will celebrate its best movie-making talent during the inaugural Students' Film Festival on Thursday at 7 p.m.

To date, 16 students have submitted projects and will be competing in categories including best directing, best animation or special effects and best cinematography. Admission is free. METRO

Volunteers

Coupon clipping to help food bank

Coupons for Hunger is inviting people to a big clipping and snipping party on Wednesday.

Volunteers will be on the mezzanine of the Covent Garden Market from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Everything that's clipped will go towards the initiative that brings low-cost and free items into the London Food Bank. Check couponsforhunger.ca for details. METRO

El Sistema Aeolian

Kids' orchestra to perform

Kids in the El Sistema Aeolian orchestra will showcase their skills during a Thursday concert at Aeolian Hall (795 Dundas St.).

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and donations will be accepted. The music starts at 6 p.m. METRO

Secondary school fire

Teen facing arson charges

A 15-year-old Woodstock boy is facing charges after a fire at Huron Park Secondary School (900 Cromwell St).

Woodstock fire and police went to the school about 2:20 p.m. Monday after someone called 911 to report the blaze. The teen was charged with arson after an investigation. Damage is estimated at $20,000. METRO

CMHC data

Housing starts up from February

Housing starts were trending at 1,734 units in March compared to 2,024 in February, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation data.

"Single-detached and row home starts in the City of London were the main reason for this increase," said Alexander Bonnyman, the corporation's senior market analyst for London. METRO

Mirror Awards

Hairdresser a cut above the rest

Julie Vriesinga of Salon Entrenous has earned top honours in her field.

She came out on top in the contemporary classic style category at last weekend's Mirror Awards for Canadian hairdressers.

The awards are organized by Canadian Hairdresser Magazine. METRO

Anti-poverty partners aim to make a difference

King's University College. New research centre bringing groups together

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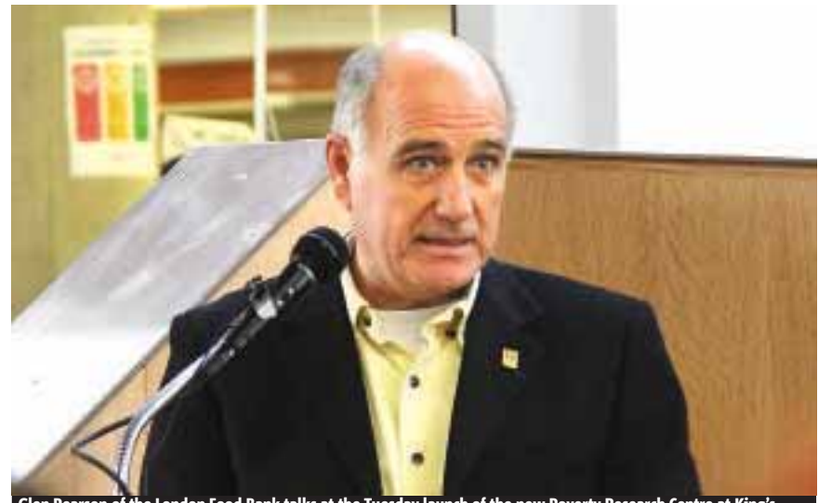

Glen Pearson of the London Food Bank talks at the Tuesday launch of the new Poverty Research Centre at King's University College. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

There are high ideals and big hopes.

And everyone's determined to make a difference, speakers said as they launched the new Poverty Research Centre at King's University College on Tuesday.

The aim is to end poverty by taking a good hard look at it. Armed with robust new research, agencies and campaigners will be able to seek action from government, and those with money available to help will be able to set priorities according to where money is needed most.

It's happening because of $250,000 from the London Community Foundation, funding work within eight of the nine faculties at King's.

The potential is "direct impact to make a difference," said volunteer Michelle Hurtubuise, with ready availability of the research to those who need it and a focus on the issues that matter most.

But leave your politics at the door, added Sister Sue Wilson of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who stressed that "poverty is human-made."

"We all have our own understanding of the causes of poverty and we tend to fall into different political camps along the political spectrum when we talk about the issues," she said.

Wilson added: "We need to get beyond the polarization that generate apathy, as well as negative stereotypes about people who live in poverty."

Perhaps the most impassioned speaker was Glen Pearson, the former London MP who is co-executive director of the London Food Bank.

He said a key element of the research centre will be speaking directly with people affected by poverty.

"It's about what these people themselves have to say about their lives," Pearson said. "It's about them talking with us and driving research about their own experience."

He called those people the "victims of poor policy decisions." Pearson added that, while he was an MP, he had been unhappy about the tendency of politicians to talk but achieve nothing.

"This poverty research centre is going to achieve in the next year more than I accomplished in five years at the House of Commons and in the Shadow Cabinet," he said.

Poverty Research Centre

- Partners include the London Food Bank, Sisters of St. Joseph, London Community Foundation and other volunteers.
- The task force setting up the centre has included Michelle Hurtubuise of the London InterCommunity Health Centre and Sean Quigley of community group Emerging Leaders.
- Also at the launch event were students from John Paul II Secondary School's social justice club, who have been adding their opinions as the research centre has been set up.
- The research done will focus on three areas: precarious work, with poor conditions, limited hours and other problems; food security, including the problem of prices; and mental health and homelessness.

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Londoner Rick Bigg has a deep love for motorcycles, family members said. One of his goals is to regain enough strength to take just one more ride. CONTRIBUTED

A call to arms for beloved husband, rider

Rick Bigg. Family, friends rally to raise money for London man with terminal cancer

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Londoner Rick Bigg has cancer of the esophagus and has been given mere months to live.

His wife, Laurie, is still recovering from a kidney transplant, while working and taking care of her husband.

Rick's biggest wish now is to gain enough strength to ride his motorcycle one more time.

Laurie's wish is just for strength of any kind.

The pair needs financial help so they can be together as much as possible over the next few months, and those close to them are rallying to make sure that happens.

Rick's sister, Alison Fulton, has set up a page on the crowd-sourcing website gofundme.com to raise money so Laurie can take a leave of absence from work to be with her husband. Of course, many other expenses will present themselves, as well.

"There's not a lot I can do for him," Fulton said. "What they need is time together, but they can't have it if she works full time."

Rick, also known as Mr. Bigg and Smiley, has hundreds of friends across North America, especially in the motorcycle world, family said.

Fulton said she's heard from many who've pledged to contribute what they can.

Now 57, Rick was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease about eight years ago. Two weeks ago, he saw a doctor for chest pains and difficulty swallowing and was told he had a tumour the size of an orange in his throat, Laurie Bigg said.

Hard times

"At every turn, the bad news keeps coming in."
Alison Fulton, sister of Rick Bigg

How to help

You can check out the fundraising campaign for Rick Bigg and his family at gofundme.com/81u5ws

- The goal is set at $25,000.
- More than $1,000 had been raised Tuesday.

The cancer had spread to his spine and it now threatens to paralyze him before he dies.

"People tell me I'm strong, but I don't feel like that right now," his wife said.

Life had been a dream. Best friends, Laurie and Rick had a ball together along with their many friends.

"We did so much riding together," Laurie said. "Our plans were to retire young and travel, but obviously that's not happening now."

Laurie has been on Rick's corporate benefits for the expensive medication she's required since the transplant.

Thankfully, she'll continue to be covered for two more years.

No injuries reported

Man charged with 16 counts of arson

A London man is facing a long list of arson charges in connection with fires set over five months on Adelaide Street.

Police charged Brandon Woodward, 21, with 16 counts of arson causing property damage on April 3. He has been released pending a May 20 court date.

Discarded couches and mattresses along with garbage bins and recycling bins were set on fire between November and March at addresses stretching from 1126 to 1154 Adelaide St. N., police said.

No injuries were reported. The fires caused an estimated $1,700 in damage. SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO

Clarke Road. Residents show opposition to women's group home at planning committee

No issue has taken up more hours for Coun. Bill Armstrong, and it'll take up a few more.

He joined east London residents at the city's planning committee Tuesday to speak against plans for a group home.

Currently, 313 Clarke Rd. houses people with disabilities. St. Leonard's Community Services wants to turn it into a centre that's part of the correctional system, housing eight women who are on parole or probation.

Residents told councillors the rebuilt house would be the biggest in the area and have little amenity or parking space.

At Mayor Joe Fontana's suggestion, the application was referred to city staff with a request that it be redrawn to be smaller, with fewer residents.

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Wailin' Jennys founder to play Aeolian Hall

Juno Award winner and co-founder of the Wailin' Jennys Cara Luft is bringing her talents to London's Aeolian Hall Thursday in support of her latest album Darlingford.

Luft spent the majority of 2013 touring throughout the U.K. and Europe promoting the album — her third solo effort — before winding her way through much of Western Canada in January and February.

On top of touring overseas last year, Luft was chosen to represent Canada in a new musical collaboration project between Canada and the U.K., alongside British artist Bella Hardy. The project is spearheaded by Folk Music Canada and the English Folk Dance and Song Society.

She has also spent time writing and recording songs with several other collaborators.

"A lot of the new material and song ideas are around the theme of home," she said. "I've been without a home since Christmas 2012, and it's something I long for. It's interesting to see how that desire has crept into my ideas for songs."

The show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are $22 in advance and $25 at the door.

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Cara Luft CONTRIBUTED

Sit back, relax and let the wellness flow through you

IV league. Vancouver opens a posh new clinic where customers enjoy an intravenous dose of vitamin therapy

EMILY JACKSON
Metro in Vancouver

Patrons enjoy IV vitamin therapy at the IV Wellness Boutique in Vancouver. TWITTER: @THEIVWELLNESS

With leather reclining chairs, soft lighting, indie music and flat-screen TVs, passersby might mistake this Vancouver business for a typical lounge or spa.

But they do a double-take when they see plastic bags hanging from IV stands dripping fluids into customers' veins.

Welcome to the IV Wellness Boutique, the first dedicated intravenous vitamin therapy lounge in the city — and perhaps the country.

While naturopathic physicians around the world provide vitamin drips to help relieve ailments from stress to exhaustion to hangovers — Rihanna made them famous when she posted a picture of her "party girl drip" on Twitter in 2012 — the co-owners of this clinic believe it's the first with a social, spa-like atmosphere in Canada.

"We tried to take the clinical feel out of a clinic; we tried to make it really beautiful," naturopathic doctor Heidi Rootes said Tuesday. "We want people to feel comfortable and relaxed."

A typical 45-minute treatment costs $150 out of pocket, or covered under extended medical care plans. It must be administered by a physician or a nurse practitioner certified in the practice.

That may not seem relaxing for those who don't like needles, but "that's the biggest stigma, the whole idea of intravenous," said Rootes, who has administered the treatment for eight years.

Rootes and co-owner Robin Szakacs want to focus on health benefits including energy boosts and back-pain relief instead of the party cure, popular in Las Vegas, L.A. and Miami. (Not to mention in Europe and Asia, where vitamin drips have long been mainstream.)

What's in the solution?

- Sugar, saline or sterile water base
- Preservative-free vitamins, minerals and/or amino acids
- For example: vitamin C, B, calcium, magnesium (depending on the treatment)

"Sure, if you put anybody that's hung over and dehydrated on an IV they're going to feel better," Rootes said. "Sometimes I feel like that kind of cheapens what we're doing, but that's not our focus."

The risks are minimal, Rootes said. As with any needle, there's a risk of infection. People are pre-screened before treatment and the procedure is not recommended for those with kidney or heart disease.

Clientele include marathon runners, both before and after the race, people coming to and from yoga and 80-year-olds with diabetes.

Day of Pink

NOT JUST COLOUR COMMENTARY

MICHAËLLE JEAN
27th governor general and commander-in-chief of Canada, co-chair of the Michaëlle Jean Foundation

Four years ago, my 11-year-old daughter Marie-Eden came home from school and started telling me — fast-paced, enthusiastic as can be — about the Day of Pink campaign. "You know, Mom," she said, "I need to take action when someone is not being treated right. I need to act, even if I'm not the one directly affected."

Marie-Eden seemed to have understood everything: the damage of discrimination, the importance of standing up to bullying, how to take concrete action, to make a difference.

I was floored.

As you know, I grew up in Haiti, in a country "draped in barbed wire," to use the words of my uncle, the poet René Dépestre. Under the dictatorship of Papa Doc, my family taught me that indifference to the predicament of others was not an option; that having a social conscience was paramount.

And here was my child, now in Canada, teaching me the same lesson.

Since that time, I have participated in the Day of Pink and met the Jer's Vision team. I have seen the transformative power of their work. I have seen how children and teens have gained a vocabulary, new ways to act and new tactics to show solidarity with the vulnerable. The campaign is working. And that's why I believe in the urgent spread of this kind of intervention.

Bullying, harassment, prejudice and abuse are still rampant. Today, suicide is still the second-leading cause of death for people aged 10 to 24 in Canada — just behind accidents. And it remains the leading cause of death among sexual-minority youth.

That is why I have chosen to work through the Michaëlle Jean Foundation on what we have dubbed the 4th Wall Youth Solidarity Project. With the Art Gallery of Ontario, Jer's Vision and 50 human rights and health organizations, we are encouraging Canadians to show vulnerable youth from Canada's Two-Spirit and LGBTQ communities that they are not alone; that we care; that we want them to feel included.

Six lucky young artists will be awarded a cash prize, a free trip to Toronto and an opportunity to have their work featured in a high-profile exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ontario, to mark World Pride 2014.

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Nations within a nation

The First Filipino Baptist Church of Toronto is a key gathering spot for the rapidly growing Filipino community in Canada's largest city. DAVE STARRETT/FOR METRO

The Story of Us
Immigration to Canada

Immigrants banding together. Tight-knit communities offer support to new arrivals

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Cely Velez was 39 when she came to Toronto in 1997, leaving her home in the Philippines behind.

"My mom is here and she was not that young anymore," Velez said, adding that her lone sister lives in California with six children. "So for me, I wanted to be the one responsible for my mom's care."

Velez is the business administrator at the First Filipino Baptist Church of Toronto. Sitting in the heart of the city with a congregation of about 410 people, the church is a focal point for Toronto's burgeoning Filipino community — the fastest growing enclave of immigrants in the nation, one expert said.

Dr. Sandeep Agrawal, a specialist in ethnic enclaves at the University of Alberta, said recent years have seen a big influx of immigrants from the Philippines, "even superseding (those from) India and China."

A 2011 National Household Survey showed 662,600 persons of Filipino descent now live in Canada.

Agrawal said the Filipino enclave is replacing one of Canada's oldest communities — the Jewish enclaves in central Toronto.

Dr. Mohammad Qadeer, professor emeritus of urban and regional planning at Queen's University in Kingston, said there are two dimensions to ethnic enclaves.

The first is a "residential concentration of people" and the other is a combination of various facilities, commercial establishments and churches, which together comprise an ethnic enclave.

"The most concentrated residential groups are Jews and then Italians and then Portuguese," Qadeer said.

Ultimately, the communities within communities help more established immigrants support those who are newer to Canada.

Velez falls into the second category of enclaves — her work and personal life both revolving around the First Filipino Baptist Church.

"It's always church-related events," Velez said. "We usually go into each other's homes. That's very, very important for us."

Community

Enclaves booming in Canada

Call it Little Italy, Chinatown or Little Manila.

No matter the name, ethnic enclaves are important to the immigrant communities they support — and the cities they're in.

For the cities themselves, traditionally large urban ones like Toronto and Vancouver, enclaves help bring in tourists looking for an authentically exotic bite or a first-hand brush with another culture.

And, in many cases, those same tourists help newcomers succeed by frequenting the businesses where they work.

"Enclaves are very lively and they help support immigrant life in a number of different ways," said Dr. Sandeep Agrawal, from the University of Alberta.

In recent years, enclaves have started branching into the suburbs of major cities, and most of Canada now has enclaves of various shapes and sizes.

If you ask Agrawal, there's no real downside to that. But, enclaves have, in the past, been cast in a bad light.

A 2003 Statistics Canada report "measured ethnic enclaves as part of an isolation index, meaning those who live in enclaves are isolated and that enclaves are bad," Agrawal said.

A followup paper "debunked that myth," showing that the communities actually help people adjust and, eventually, thrive in Canada.

Another myth is that the words "enclave" and "ghetto" can be used interchangeably.

"Ghetto is an old word which is based on racial and economic exclusion," Dr. Mohammad Qadeer of Queen's University said. "A ghetto is also a large concentration of poverty.

"Enclaves are not ghettos."

DAVE LANGFORD/METRO

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U.S. Drugmaker hit with $9B penalty over diabetes medicine linked to cancer

A U.S. jury ordered Japanese drugmaker Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. and its U.S. counterpart, Eli Lilly and Co., to pay $9 billion US in punitive damages over a diabetes medicine linked to cancer. The drug companies said Tuesday they will "vigorously challenge" the decision.

The U.S District Court in western Louisiana ordered a $6 billion penalty for Takeda and $3 billion for its business partner and co-defendant Eli Lilly. It also ordered $1.5 million in compensatory damages in favour of the plaintiff.

The legal fight turned on whether Actos, which is a drug used to treat type-two diabetes, caused a patient's bladder cancer and by implication was responsible for other cases of the cancer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IMF forecast. Canada's economy has some bright spots amid the grey clouds

The International Monetary Fund has again upgraded its projection for Canada's economy, but the latest outlook from the international financial organization shows it is far from sold on the country's underlying fundamentals.

"Downside risks to the outlook still dominate, including from weaker-than-expected exports resulting from competitive challenges, lower commodity prices and a more abrupt unwinding of domestic imbalances," it warns.

"Indeed, despite the recent moderation in the housing market, elevated household leverage (debt) and house prices remain a key vulnerability." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Something to squawk about: Cup cracks $36M

The Meiyintang "chicken cup" from the Chinese Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) is displayed during a press conference in Hong Kong on Tuesday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Chicken cup'. Small white porcelain piece from Ming Dynasty lays record profit at Sotheby's auction

A Shanghai collector bought a rare Ming Dynasty cup that's touted as the "holy grail" of China's art world for $36 million US at a Hong Kong auction on Tuesday, smashing the previous world record price for Chinese porcelain.

Sotheby's said Liu Yiqian was the winning bidder for the small white cup, which measures just 8 centimetres in diameter and is more than 500 years old. The vessel is known as a "chicken cup" because it's decorated with a rooster and hen tending to their chicks.

It was made during the reign of the Ming Dynasty's Chenghua Emperor, who ruled from 1465 to 1487. Sotheby's said there are only 17 such cups in existence, with four in private hands and the rest in museums.

"This is really the holy grail when it comes to Chinese art," said Nicholas Chow, Sotheby's deputy chairman for Asia.

For such a prized item, bidding was limited to a handful of wealthy collectors and when the winning bid was hammered down at $32.2 million, the standing-room only crowd broke into applause. The auction house's commission brought the total to $36.1 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Airlines

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If you use miles to get a free ticket on American Airlines, you may have to pay to check that suitcase.

American and US Airways announced changes Tuesday to their policies on checked-bag fees and redeeming miles for free flights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Copyright

Hollywood studios sue Megaupload

Hollywood studios are suing the defunct file-sharing website Megaupload and its founder, Kim Dotcom, claiming the website facilitated massive copyright infringement.

The lawsuit was filed Monday in federal court in Alexandria, Va.,seeking unspecified damages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greenpeace

P&G changes palm oil policy after protests

The Procter & Gamble Co. has updated its policy on palm oil following high-profile protests by Greenpeace at its Cincinnati headquarters. The world's largest consumer products company said Tuesday it has adopted a "no-deforestation" policy for its palm oil supply. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Try texting while you drive. It could be the most dangerous thing you can do.

According to the CAA, you are 23 times more likely to be in a crash or near-crash compared with non-texting drivers.

Driving while texting is six times more dangerous than driving while intoxicated, according to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Administration Safety Administration; in B.C., where I live, there were 81 deaths in 2012 from distracted driving, compared to 55 from impaired driving.

I can keep throwing stats at you. But I should stop now and concentrate on my driving.

And so should you, if this morning's commute is any indication. Here's just a sample of the things we did in traffic today:

While travelling at least 60 klicks an hour, a woman in a Range Rover had the visor down and appeared to be putting on makeup while talking to her friend on her handheld. As far as I can tell, the Pomeranian in her lap was doing the driving.

A line of people stopped at the red light appeared to be deep in prayer, so deep that the light changed and nobody noticed. Their faces were bathed in a strange, blue glow.

Soccer mom policed a van-load of kids while talking on her handheld. Yikes.

And it was breakfast time in the fast lane: muffins, very hot coffee, lip-searing burritos and sandwiches, assorted Tupperware from home, apples oranges bananas, oh my.

Any one of these distractions has a well-documented effect on your attention span. Yet we continue to drive through a multi-tasking medley of contortions. Our cars do double duty as kitchens, bathrooms, media centres and bedrooms (pets included).

What's interesting is that with the exception of handheld devices, most of this nonsense is not cut-and-dry illegal.

"Excuse me ma'am, but that's a $167 fine for driving with a Pomeranian in your lap. You're lucky it wasn't a Great Dane …"

Nevertheless, it's dawning on governments that unless they do something soon, we won't make it through rush hour.

In British Columbia, which has some of the toughest drunk driving laws in North America, the attorney general is aghast that, with one third the population, it has more distracted driving deaths than Ontario.

Maybe that's because Ontario has already jacked up its distracted driving fine from $155 to $280. In an amusing touché, it goes to $500 if you contest it and lose, which should clear up a lot of nuisance court cases.

B.C. will probably raise its fines soon, and may even attach points to licences. Yet you have to wonder if enforcement is the answer. The province issued 51,000 tickets for distracted driving last year, but if this morning's circus on wheels is any indication, no one has noticed.

Their "minds" are elsewhere.

ZOOM

Seeing is revealing

COURTESY LIU BOLIN/SCREAM GALLERY

Artist blends into his surroundings

Glance at it and you'll see nothing remarkable, but take a closer look and you can spot the figure of a man standing in the background. Behold Liu Bolin, the globally-renowned Chinese artist gifted with the uncanny knack to use body paint to blend into any backdrop. His first solo exhibition in the U.K., The Heroic Apparition, is open at London's Scream Gallery until May 10. METRO

Artist's viewpoint

"Each one chooses his or her path to come in contact with the external world. I chose to merge with the environment."

Liu Bolin, 41, artist based in Beijing
At a recent TED conference, Bolin said: "By making myself invisible, I try to question the inter-cancelling relationship between our civilization and its development."

A silent protest against the state

While his camouflage technique speaks of eccentricity, Bolin's message behind his artwork is in fact solemn and political in tone — a "silent protest against the state" for Chinese authorities' crackdown on artists. "I am standing, but there is a silent protest, the protest against the environment for the survival, the protest against the state," he said in a statement.
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Subway ride gets riled by a rat

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Now, you may be tempted to dismiss the old saw that New Yorkers are a hardy bunch after watching this clip of a subway car packed with such supposedly indomitable souls losing their minds over a single wayward rat. But don't be so swift to judge. Because upon closer inspection, you'll notice that there isn't a single pant leg tucked into a single sock anywhere on this supposedly panic-filled car. We bet you don't feel so tough now. Those New Yorkers, man. Resolute.

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Taken with a bird's-eye view

Feathers in filmdom's cap. Rio 2's macaw Tyler Blu latest bird to vie for a perch in Hollywood's avian pecking order

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Tyler Blu Gunderson, voiced by Jesse Eisenberg, has his second big screen outing this weekend in Rio 2. CONTRIBUTED

Hollywood's two most famous birds must be Donald Duck and Woody Woodpecker. Between them they've starred in almost 300 films.

This weekend Donald and Woody are joined by Tyler Blu Gunderson, a rare male Spix's macaw, voiced by Jesse Eisenberg making his second big screen appearance in Rio 2. He's joined by a cast of fine feathered friends, including a yellow canary (Jamie Foxx), a rapping red-crested cardinal (will.i.am) and a sulphur-crested cockatoo (Jemaine Clement), as they leave their home in Rio de Janeiro for the Amazon rainforest.

The colourful co-stars in Rio 2 are animated, which makes them a much more agreeable lot than Tippi Hedren's castmates in her most famous movie. In the Alfred Hitchcock film The Birds, she plays a wealthy socialite visiting Bodega Bay in Northern California when hundreds of ravens, seagulls and pigeons begin viciously attacking the townsfolk.

Some of the birds were props, but many of them were all too real. Actors with ground meat and anchovies daubed on them to entice the birds escaped with nips and scratches but Hedren took the worst of it during the shooting of the movie's famous attic scene.

She had been told mechanical birds would be used in the sequence that sees her trapped in a small room while birds attack her. When she arrived at the shoot she saw a cage built around the set and realized the plan had changed.

For a week, real birds were thrown at her by stagehands. Pecked and scratched by birds attached to her by elastic bands she screamed and sobbed as one of them gouged her eye. It was such a traumatic sight, Cary Grant, who dropped by the set to say hello, said, "You're one brave lady."

It's no wonder Hedren chose Marnie, and not The Birds, as her favourite Hitchcock leading role.

As distressing as the shoot for The Birds might have been, the movie is now considered a classic.

That can't be said for a film inspired by Hitchcock's avian terror.

Birdemic: Shock and Terror director James Nguyen says the inspiration for his movie dates back to 2006 when he saw a flock of seagulls flying toward him at Half Moon Bay south of San Francisco. The sight reminded him of Hitchcock's film, but he thought, "What if I make a movie where instead of seagulls and crows, it's birds of prey? There's nothing more shocking than eagles and vultures."

The self-financed film took four years to finish and laid an egg in theatres before it became a cult hit as one of the worst film ever made.

When asked what Hitchcock would have thought of Birdemic, Nguyen told Empireonline.com, "I think Mr. Hitchcock would forgive a lot of its imperfections and say, 'James, you did what you could. Do another one and try to do it better.'"

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The Word

Scarlett adds nickname insult to sexy inquiry injury

Whatever you do, never call Scarlett Johansson "ScarJo" to her face, as the Captain America: the Winter Soldier star can't stand the nickname.

"I associate that name with, like, a pop star," she tells Glamour magazine, saying that the nickname "sounds tacky. It's lazy and flippant. There's something insulting about it."

That's not the only grievance she airs in the interview, as Johansson also takes on the long-standing double standards of Hollywood for men and women.

"Actresses get stupid questions asked of them all the time, like, 'How do you stay sexy?' or 'What's your sexiest quality?' All these ridiculous things you would never ask a man."

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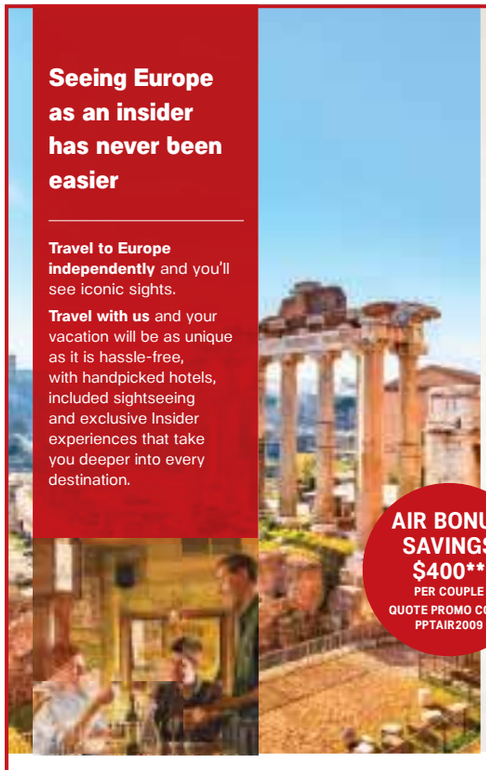

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Lindsay Lohan ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Perhaps LiLo should lie low and not go to Coachella with her mom

Lindsay Lohan insists she's back on the straight and narrow with her sobriety, despite slipping and having "one glass of wine" shortly after her last stint in rehab. But folks in her inner circle think her plans to attend the rowdy Coachella music festival in the California desert — especially with party-happy mom Dina Lohan along for the ride — is a terrible, terrible idea, according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay should not be going to Coachella. And having Dina with her isn't really making anyone feel comfortable that she will be a good chaperone. It's a big alcohol and drug festival and it is the last place that Lindsay should be," a source says.

"Lindsay swears that she'll stay sober, but Coachella is a huge party and there are going to be so many temptations for her. Everyone is really worried about her."

Kirsten Dunst

Kirsten rides into mother lode of controversy on knight in shining armour

Kirsten Dunst is causing a bit of an uproar with her thoughts about traditional gender roles. "I feel like the feminine has been a little undervalued," she tells the U.K. edition of Harper's Bazaar in an interview.

"We all have to get our own jobs and make our own money, but staying at home, nurturing, being the mother, cooking — it's a valuable thing my mom created. And sometimes, you need your knight in shining armour. I'm sorry. You need a man to be a man and a woman to be a woman. That's why relationships work."

Ed Sheeran

Every girl crazy 'bout this ginger-haired man

Soft-spoken ginger singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran doesn't mind fans going nuts over him, even if he doesn't quite understand their passion. "I don't see myself as a sex symbol, but if other people do, I'm not going to complain," he tells Billboard magazine.

"I'm a singer that you never want to see shirtless. No one does! I haven't got a six-pack or pecs." When informed that there clearly are some Sheeran fans who would be up for him taking off his shirt, he shrugs. "To each their own," he says.

Katy Perry, left, and Lady Gaga

Do-uelling chanteuses flash locks in clashing chartreuses

So, slow gossip days mean round-ups of new celebrity hairstyles! We know, we know: This job *is* exciting.

First up, Maggie Gyllenhaal, who debuted a blonde pixie cut at the Cannes Film Festival on Monday night. The choice was a bit more conventional than Katy Perry's. She showed off her new 'do on Instagram Tuesday with the tag line "Slime green for spring, duh."

Speaking of green, Lady Gaga had a bit of the hue in her wild hair while closing down New York City's Roseland Ballroom on Monday night.

God gave rock 'n' roll to you and KISS gives you all this

Got to Choose.
The painted rockers are getting inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, so why not celebrate with a tour of some KISS-themed attractions?

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On Thursday, one of the biggest rock acts in the world is finally being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. But if fans of KISS can't make it to Brooklyn's Barclays Center for the ceremony, not to worry — there are many other ways to honour the face-painted performers whose career has spanned four decades. Here are a few other innovative KISS attractions in North America:

Plaster Caster

Niagara Falls may boast brilliant views of one of the natural wonders of the world but if you want waxy replicas of relentless guitar gods, Rock Legends Wax Museum at the top of carnivalesque Clifton Hill presents plaster casters of KISS as one of its most sought-after spectacles.

Calling Dr. Love

There are countless wedding chapels in Las Vegas but only one offers a fire-breathing Gene Simmons impersonator to stand as your Sinister Minister. The Hotter Than Hell Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas features concert-atmosphere nuptials on a KISS replicated stage (complete with fog machines), concert ticket invites and a live webcast. Even the real Gene Simmons has popped in and joined newlyweds as a witness. Visit kissweddingchapel.com.

Walk the Rock

Sure, Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood is where fans can compare their handprints in cement with those of Tinseltown's biggest actors, but a few miles away at Guitar Center's Rockwalk on Sunset Boulevard, hard rock devotees can measure their mitts against their favourite KISS member.

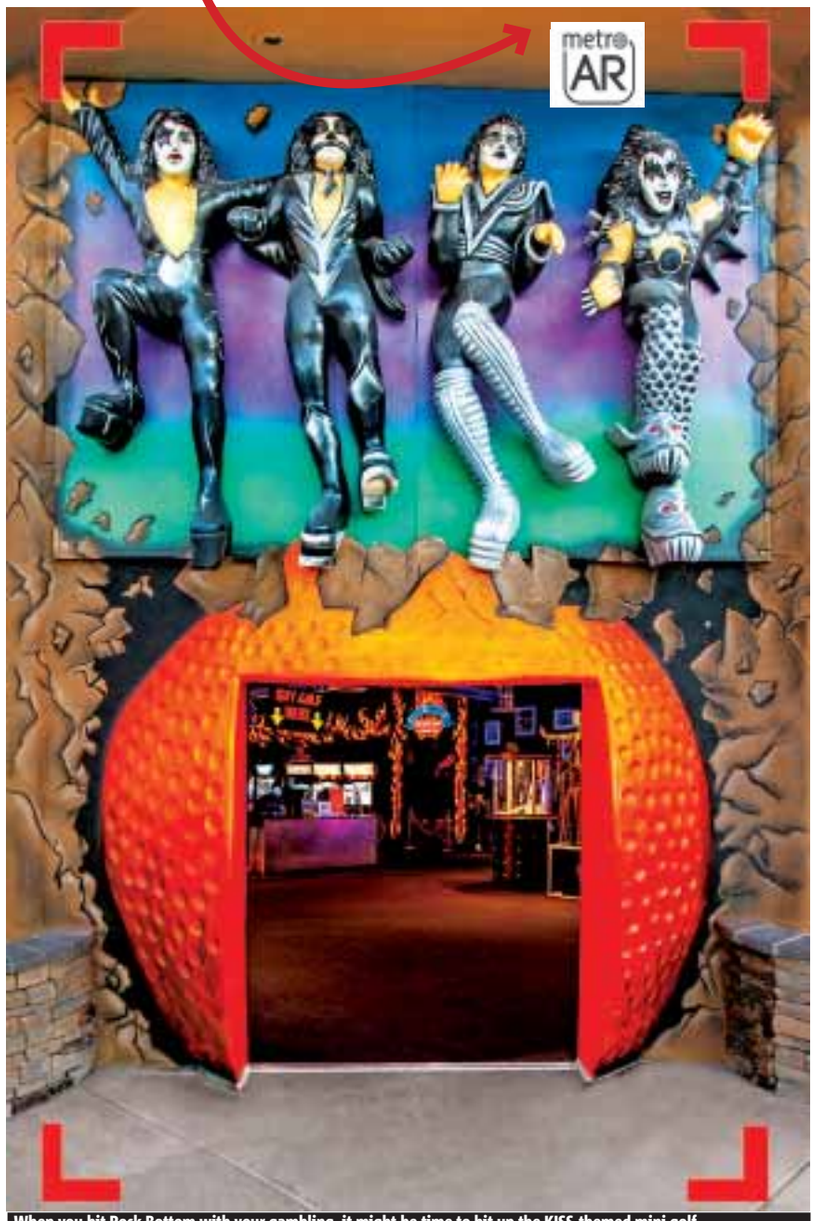
Step inside the Hollywood landmark and check out Paul Stanley's "Iceman" guitar and boots on display. Visit rockwalk.com.

Putt it Out Loud

Just when mini-golf couldn't get any more exciting, now at the KISS by Monster Mini Golf in Las Vegas, fans can play golf on a well-designed glow-in-the-dark 18-hole course while hits like Detroit Rock City blast over loudspeakers.

Who doesn't want to ace a hole-in-one by putting up the extended tongue of an enormous Gene Simmons head? Surprisingly, it's actually popular for kids' birthday parties. Visit monsterminigolf.com/kiss.

KISS even has their own Arena Football League team in L.A. CONTRIBUTED



When you hit Rock Bottom with your gambling, it might be time to hit up the KISS-themed mini golf course in Las Vegas. CONTRIBUTED

Gods of gridiron

Earlier this month the team Los Angeles KISS debuted in the Arena Football League. Not just an incidental moniker, the squad is co-owned by Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley and they're not afraid to show it in uniforms designed with flames and the band's iconic logo. Games will even feature rock bands stoking up lulls in play ensuring that the Gridiron Gods of L.A. rock 'n' roll all night ... and party every game. See lakissfootball.com.

A kick of heat for this meat

Orange Sriracha Maple Chicken Thighs with Spring Greens. Orange juice moonlights as a tenderizer in this dish

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This recipe makes eight servings. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CITRUS

Looking for some spice in your life at dinner time? Well, Orange Sriracha Maple Chicken Thighs with Spring Greens might help you feed that craving.

These smoky and spicy chicken thighs are addictive with their balance of heat and sweet.

Chicken thighs are tender and offer up juiciness and flavour while being easy to prepare thanks to Florida orange juice, which helps add flavour and tenderize the chicken for a deliciously moist bite every time.

The sweet hint of orange juice is paired with a spicy kick of sriracha chili sauce and local pure maple syrup, making this a truly great introduction for spring that could become a quick favourite.

1. In a large resealable bag, combine orange juice, paprika, garlic, oregano, chili sauce and maple syrup. Add chicken; seal bag and turn to massage chicken evenly. Refrigerate for at least one hour or up to overnight.

2. Place chicken on oiled, preheated grill over medium heat, turning once or twice for 10 to 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside and juices run clear.

3. Spring Green Toss: In a large bowl, toss greens with oil, vinegar, Florida orange juice, oregano, salt and pepper and serve with chicken.

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup (175 ml) orange juice
- 2 tsp (10 ml) smoked paprika
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano or 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped oregano
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) sriracha chili sauce
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) pure maple syrup
- 2 lbs (1 kg) boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 12)

Spring Green Toss

- 1 pkg (142 g) mixed spring greens
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) white wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) orange juice
- Pinch each dried oregano, salt, pepper

Cooking tips

- Orange juice is a staple in many homes and most often enjoyed at breakfast. But start thinking outside the box at the dinner table and add some orange juice to a sauce or dressing for flavour and enhancement. You might just get a bit more creative each time you step into the kitchen.
- Trim any visible fat from chicken thighs before marinating.
- Sriracha has a big kick of heat, so for a milder version use only two tbsp (30 ml) of the sauce in the recipe. Look for it in the international aisle of your grocery store.

Fine sweet and tangy balance

The trouble with sweet-and-sour chicken is that the flavour is mostly sweet and weirdly acidic. It never seems to deliver on the satisfying balance of gently sweet and teasingly sour.

A caramel-based sauce spiked with ginger, lime juice and fish sauce is the solution.

The result is deliciously sweet, but equally tangy and savoury. Be warned: These Sweet-and-Tangy Caramelized Chicken Thighs are not the gloopy red sweet-and-sour with pineapple and cherries you know from the takeout box. They're better!

1. In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the sugar and water. Bring to a simmer and cook without stirring for about 10 minutes, or until the sugar has browned and thickened to caramel. Stir in the fish sauce, being careful of sputtering, then the soy sauce, ginger and lime juice. Return to a simmer.

2. Meanwhile, in a large sauté pan over medium, heat the oil. Add the chicken and cook, stirring often, for 20 minutes, or until cooked through.

3. When the chicken has cooked, use a slotted spoon or tongs to transfer the chicken (but none of the liquid in the pan) into the caramel sauce. Toss to coat the chicken with the sauce, then transfer it to a serving platter. Top with scallions and cilantro.

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Ingredients

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup fish sauce
- 2 tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 tbsp canola or vegetable oil
- 3 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch strips
- Scallions, thinly sliced, to garnish
- Fresh cilantro, chopped, to garnish

This recipe makes six servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How Polkaroo put me on the right career path

From host to the most.
As TalentEgg.com launches its exciting Challenges platform, one Egger tells her own tale of working toward greatness

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When I was about 10 years old, I decided my goal in life was to be a TVO Kids host. Thirteen years, one university degree and 25 pairs of jeans later, this remained my life ambition.

So, after helplessly sending out resumé after resumé and putting in way too many hours into a job I couldn't care less about in order to pay those bills, I decided perhaps this was life's way of telling me to chase that dream.

I signed up to volunteer with TVO, and when they offered me a gig timing a ping-pong tournament with Polkaroo, I figured this was the breakthrough I had always been waiting for.

I went. I wore my bright green T-shirt with pride and ran that stopwatch like my life depended on it.

I smiled at people. I even talked to some — and in doing so I ended up meeting my current boss. Fast forward one year, and I'm happily employed in an industry I never thought I'd be in. I'm not a TVO Kids host — but in pursuing that dream my ambitions changed into something completely unexpected and even more exciting.

I now work somewhere that challenges me, inspires me and makes me think. And I owe it all to Polkaroo.

I also owe it all to allowing myself to stand out. That, to me, is exactly what Challenges is all about. I know the pain of the job hunt. It sucks.

For entire year I questioned everything; whether or not I pursued the right degree or if I wasn't as smart as I thought or if I had chosen to live in the wrong city; if people thought I had a weak mind and flat hair and if I had only bought the more expensive blazer maybe the interviewer would've taken me more seriously.

I felt discouraged and sad and hopeless because at the end of the day I simply didn't know how to stand out.

Beating my employment challenge meant throwing myself at a dream I had cherished for more than a decade, not knowing what would happen.

Challenges offers that same potential, without all of the uncertainty that goes with it. It gives students and recent grads the chance to show that they are thought leaders, driven, willing to try something new and put their all into a project.

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Leap of faith

"Beating my employment challenge meant throwing myself at a dream I had cherished for more than a decade, not knowing what would happen."

Leah Ruehlicke

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Knights lose in first home game in 17 days

Storm brews up a win at the Bud. Guelph takes 2-1 series lead with trio of goals scored in third period

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London Knights goalie Jake Patterson blocks a shot from Guelph Storm centre Robby Fabbri during first-period action in Tuesday night's game at Budweiser Gardens. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Seventeen days away from Budweiser Gardens proved to be a little too long for the London Knights.

Robby Fabbri scored two third-period goals and the Guelph Storm skated to a 4-2 victory over the Knights before 8,940 louder-than-normal spectators.

The Storm now have a 2-1 lead in the Ontario Hockey League best-of-seven conference semifinal series with Game 4 scheduled for the Gardens on Thursday at 7 p.m. Game 5 is back in Guelph on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Knights, after winning the first two games in the opening round against Windsor, then played two games in Windsor to sweep the series before then having to wait for their second-round opponent.

That became the Storm, and after the first two games in Guelph, they returned home Tuesday to play a home game 17 days after their last appearance.

In the opening period, goalie Jake Patterson of the Knights was flying solo as he stopped all 20 shots as the Knights escaped with a 1-0 lead.

Bo Horvat scored early in the first to give the Knights the lead, despite being badly outplayed.

In the second, the Knights skaters played much better — outshooting the Storm 17-15 — and Patterson continued his superb play, finally giving up a goal to Guelph defenceman Phil Baltisberger 34 minutes and 24 seconds into the game.

Game 3	
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The third period saw the Storm's ongoing stickwork finally catch up to them as they received two minors on the same stoppage of play.

Tierney, the leading OHL point-getter in the playoffs, scored a power-play goal with both Storm players off to give the Knights a 2-1 lead. Guelph then returned the favour with a power-play goal of their own when Fabbri tied before the 10-minute mark to tie the score at two.

Fabbri then scored a go-ahead goal at 11:42 and Baltisberger scored his second goal of the game into an empty net.

The Knights' cause wasn't helped by the fact that sniper Max Domi was not himself, still obviously suffering from an "upper body" injury picked up in Game 2 of the series.

In fact, the Knights waited for the pre-game skate before the decision was made for Domi to play in the game.

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NCAA basketball

LeBron gives Ollie congrats

LeBron James remembers just about every detail from his days playing alongside Kevin Ollie in Cleveland, including that the newly crowned coach of the NCAA champions wore No. 12.

And James is thrilled that now Ollie is No. 1.

Even though he's professed to rooting for Kentucky at times in the past and has a close relationship with Wildcats coach John Calipari, James raved on Tuesday about the job Ollie did while leading Connecticut to the national title. UConn topped Kentucky 60-54 on Monday night for the title, one that came in Ollie's second season on the sideline.

"I've got a lot of respect and I'm very, extremely happy," James said before he and the Miami Heat played the Brooklyn Nets. "Even though I have a lot of Kentucky connections.... I was in a win-win situation and I was extremely happy for K.O. I think it was big time." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canuck fans get their way

Mike Gillis was fired by the Canucks on Tuesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL. Shortly after falling out of playoffs in Vancouver, GM Gillis gets canned

Less than three years after leading the Vancouver Canucks to within a game of the Stanley Cup, Mike Gillis is out of a job.

The club fired its president and general manager on Tuesday, just over 14 hours after the team was eliminated from playoff contention in a listless and embarrassing 3-0 loss to the Anaheim Ducks that had fans at a half-empty Rogers Arena chanting "Fire Gillis" in the game's dying minutes.

"The Vancouver Canucks had success under Mike's leadership, and we nearly reached our ultimate goal; but I believe we have reached a point where a change in leadership and new voice is needed," team owner Francesco Aquilini said in a statement announcing the move.

The Canucks have three games remaining on their schedule, but were given Tuesday off. Aquilini was set to meet the media on Wednesday morning before the team practises.

At the NHL general managers meeting last month in Boca Raton, Fla., Gillis pointed to injuries and head coach John Tortorella's infamous locker-room incident against the Calgary Flames as reasons for a disappointing mid-season swoon that saw the team win just four of 20 games, including eight consecutive regulation losses.

Gillis was named NHL general manager of the year for the 2010-'11 season and signed a contract extension after the 2011-'12 campaign, but admitted in a recent radio interview that the Canucks' fall from grace put his job security in question. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Time for a change

Apart from this season's product on the ice, Mike Gillis had also been roundly criticized for his poor draft record, questionable free-agent signings and trades, and the handling of the Roberto Luongo saga.

Like Masters, 3 London courses open Thursday

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Maybe it's fitting that three London golf courses will be opening during Round 1 of the Masters in Augusta, Ga.

That just shows you how late local golf is getting started this year.

Two City of London courses — all 27 holes at Thames Valley and the Quarry 18 at Fanshawe — along with Maple Ridge will open for business on Thursday.

This marks the latest opening in modern-day local golf history.

"In the 25-plus years I've been here, this is the latest opening I've ever seen," Neil Kapp, owner and operator of East Park, Maple Ridge and Westminster Trails golf courses said Tuesday.

Kapp said East Park and Westminster Trails would likely open on the weekend.

"Doesn't mean anything when you get open early, just that people know you're open. So this year, we're hoping that when we open, we stay open," Kapp said.

Kapp said his three courses "generally have the flags in April 1."

Fanshawe head pro Rob Vincent said the city courses were open April 4 last year and March 7 in 2012.

"To open on April 10, when we were at Thames in March and we were thinking we would open at the end of April, we're doing OK," Vincent said.

Vincent said the two remaining city courses — the Traditional at Fanshawe and River Road — will not be open "until further notice."

Vincent said despite the late openings, the financial losses have not been too great.

"It's costing us a little bit, but overall we've saved with some labour, both in the pro shop and on the grounds crew, so I don't think we're going to be that far behind," he said.

Meanwhile, where is City of London golf manager and head pro at Thames, Steve Bennett, this week?

The Masters, where else.

Masters competitors on their marks

Canadian golfers Mike Weir, left, and Graham DeLaet walk down a fairway during a practice round prior to the start of the 2014 Masters tournament at Augusta National Golf Club on Tuesday in Augusta, Georgia.

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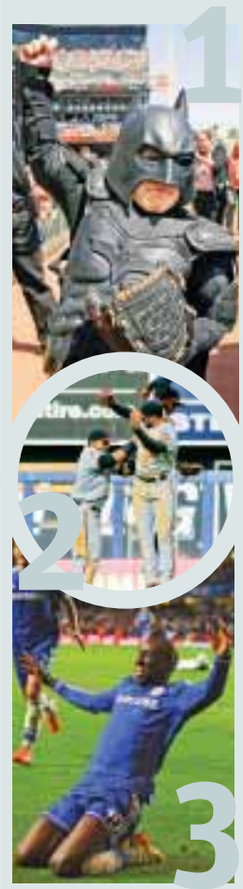

1 MLB. Batkid strikes again

Batkid, whose alter ego is Miles Scott, threw out the first pitch prior to the San Francisco Giants' home opening 7-3 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 MLB. O's overpower Bronx Bombers

Delmon Young, Adam Jones and Matt Wieters homered as the Baltimore Orioles teed off for 20 hits, battering the New York Yankees 14-5 Tuesday.
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3 Soccer. Chelsea stuns PSG in London

Chelsea overturned a two-goal deficit against Paris Saint-Germain to reach the Champions League semifinals on Tuesday, with Paris-born Demba Ba clinching a 2-0 win that sent the London club through on away goals with a 3-3 draw.
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2014 BMW 2-series Coupé

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel drive four-passenger coupe
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (241); 3.0-litre DOHC I6, turbocharged (320)
- **Transmissions.** 8-speed automatic; 6-speed manual (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $38,100

Design

Although similar to the outgoing 1-series coupe, the 2-series is actually more than five centimetres longer, 2.5 centimetres wider and it has a bit more space between the front and rear wheels. Thankfully, the dimensional enlargements are minimal, but the revised shape of the 2-series, especially a more elongated nose, sloping roofline and rear deck, result in a more attractive shape. For diehard BMW spotters, the larger grille and lower air intakes are the most noticeable ways to tell if the basic Bimmer you're checking out is a 2 or a 1.

Fuel consumption

If fuel consumption is a consideration, the 228i is rated at 8.7 l/100 km in the city and 5.4 on the highway (improved from 10.8/7.0 for the 128i). The M235i's numbers are 10.0 city and 6.4 highway. Note that both models require premium fuel.

Basic features

Just because the 228i is the base 2-series doesn't mean it's stripped-down. Base equipment includes climate control, auto stop/start function, multi-adjustable (non-power) front seats, rain-sensing windshield wipers and a premium audio system.

2015 BMW 2-series Coupé

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Review. BMW goes back to its roots to refine and redefine the concept of a pure sporting machine

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BMW knows exactly how to position the new 2-series Coupé.

A photo on the automaker's website shows the car running neck and neck with the iconic 2002 coupe that was produced from 1968-'76. It's a comparison worth pondering as the 2002 was a benchmark sporty car, a pure one at that, for the company. An even more interesting comparison is with the new 2014 4-series Coupé. Both models offer the same powertrains, but the 2-series base price is $8,900 cheaper, at $38,100. The smaller 2-series is also about 90 kilograms lighter, which should make it quicker off the line and more nimble.

The 4-series does offer more cabin space than the 2-series and the 4 can be had with BMW's xDrive all-wheel drive system that's ideal for anyone making frequent excursions to the ski slopes.

Still, driving enthusiasts on a budget or who those prefer a more minimalist approach to tackling twisty back roads are likely to find the 2-series fits their needs like a well-worn pair of driving gloves.

The dashboards, control panels, floor consoles and dash-mounted display screens in both old and new appear quite similar. To the 2-series, however, BMW did add a bit more trim and enlarged the iDrive controller knob (that adjusts the climate, audio and communications systems) for easier use.

For stashing your gear, the trunk is slightly larger than that of the 1-series and the back seat can be split-folded for extra space.

Under the hood of the base 228i is a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder that makes 241 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque. It's the same engine that powers several other BMW models, including the base 4-series Coupé. The base engine in the 1-series was a non-turbo 230-horsepower four-cylinder.

Step up to the M235i Coupe and your right foot controls a turbocharged 3.0-litre six-cylinder engine with 320 horsepower and 330 pound-feet of torque.

Ultimately, what's neat about the 2-series is that it's the least expensive way to obtain a BMW, yet you're guaranteed to get the same kick for your money as with many of the company's pricier products. Talk about driving a bargain.

Compare

1 Audi TT Coupé
Base price: $51,500
Solidly built, with a choice of two turbo engines. AWD comes standard.

2 Mercedes-Benz CLA
Base price: $36,400
Entry-level coupe-like sedan is new for 2014. AMG version is quick.

3 Honda Accord Coupe
Base price: $28,200. Cool two-door is affordable, even with optional 278-hp V6.

DRIVE

The grass is said to always be greener on the other side of the fence, but when it comes to luring new car buyers into an ultra-competitive market, meaner has become much more fashionable than greener. In a tactical about-face from what vehicle manufacturers used during the auto-show season last year, ecology and efficiency are being muscled out in favour of handling and horsepower. Following are a few of the more notable trends from the 2014 auto-show season that have made many industry rivals green with envy.

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Show stoppers

Body by Alcoa

Ford has reset the bar by making the body of the 2015 F-150 out of aluminum. Now others will be forced into it to remain competitive.
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Even with dozens of exciting vehicle debuts such as the macho Corvette Z06 and the racy Toyota FT-1 concept during this year's auto-show season, one trusty pick-up truck has gained the most attention after being unwrapped in January during the Detroit Auto Show.

With its all-aluminum body construction, the Ford F-150 shed about 300 kilograms — lighter means fuel savings — and changed the design game in this vehicle segment. The best-selling truck in America during the last three decades, the F-150 keeps the traditional steel platform, but the lighter body weight and improved fuel mileage are grabbing serious attention from every other North American truck maker.

Details remain under wraps, but The Wall Street Journal reported that General Motors has secured contracts with aluminum suppliers Alcoa and Novelis for construction of its own aluminum-bodied trucks. From a practical standpoint, the Detroit launch of the Ford F-150 will likely remain the most important vehicle debut of the auto show season.

Techy trend

If it looks like your iPhone took over your car, then you understand what CarPlay is.

Apple Inc. used the Geneva, Switzerland, Motor Show in March to unveil its CarPlay iPhone interface system that has created a technological buzz from car builders around the world.

Mercedes-Benz, Ferrari and Volvo were just three of the manufacturers at the show to demonstrate this new interactive system that some analysts project will become practically standard equipment in many models beginning this year.

Essentially, the CarPlay interface replicates the iPhone home screen on the vehicle's centre console display. Once iPhone is connected, a button on the steering wheel activates the Siri voice-recognition technology, allowing drivers to access contacts, make calls, check voice mail, have text messages read aloud and then dictate responses, all without taking your hands off the wheel or eyes off the road.

CarPlay also includes its voice-activated turn-by-turn Apple Maps navigation system that even suggests possible destinations based on phone conversations and text messages.

This system will work with iPhone 5s, iPhone 5c and iPhone 5 and will be available in select car models shipping in 2014.

Another alternative

Hyundai will give you free hydrogen if you opt for its fuel-cell Tucson. You need to live in the L.A. area, though.

In a move that adds momentum to a fledgling alternative fuel option, Hyundai used the Los Angeles Auto Show in November 2013 to introduce its 2015 Tucson Fuel Cell vehicle, which is a hydrogen-powered tall wagon set for release in North America this spring. Honda and Toyota also showcased their production-ready fuel-cell rides in L.A.

These clean-running vehicles convert hydrogen to electricity to power the vehicle. Heat and water vapour are the only emissions.

Fuel-cell technology isn't necessarily new; Hyundai already sells Tucson's inspiration — the hydrogen-powered ix35 — outside of North America.

"We really think this will make battery electric vehicles feel old-fashioned," said former Hyundai CEO John Krafcik, pointing out that a fuel cell can be fully loaded with hydrogen in about eight minutes for a 500-kilometre range. A battery-electric can take hours to charge. As additional incentive to potential buyers, Hyundai is offering unlimited and free hydrogen to its Tucson lessees. But given the limited number of hydrogen fuelling stations, Tucson will only be sold in the Los Angeles, Calif., area initially, where the greatest concentration of hydrogen refuelling sites exists.

Driver-free driving

Nissan believes that if the objective is zero emissions and zero fatalities that autonomous driving — where cars take over from humans — is the way to go.

While Ford was improving its existing truck line, Nissan had its vision set on the future, using the stages of the Tokyo Motor Show late last year to celebrate its autonomous-vehicle technology.

If Nissan's projections hold up, the Japanese automaker hopes to introduce its self-driving Leaf EV in North America "at realistic prices" in 2020.

Nissan put its autonomous vehicle through an uneventful test drive in Tokyo. This car is capable of negotiating turns, manoeuvring lane changes, recognizing stop signs and handling traffic signals, all without a driver at the wheel.

And while clearing the legalities of a self-driving vehicle navigating North American roadways remains years away, Nissan's lead in autonomous technology will continue to grab the attention of rival builders. "We're not necessarily talking about a situation where you get on the road, push a button and go to sleep," Nissan product chief Andy Palmer explained. "To me, it's about safety and instances where the vehicle supersedes the driver's control. If the objective is zero emissions, zero fatalities, the only way that can be achieved is with autonomous cars."

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you want a straight answer to a simple question, you may be disappointed. Others are so evasive today. Maybe they have something to hide but more likely their thoughts are simply all over the place.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Make sure you keep track of where your money is coming from and, just as importantly, where it is going to, over the next few days. Someone may conveniently "forget" what they owe you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Some people may be loud in their opposition to what you intend to do but don't let it worry or stop you. They will come round when they see how well you are doing.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Don't push yourself beyond your natural limits today. You may want to look good, but how good will it look if you collapse before the finishing line? Pace yourself.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Others may have doubts about what you are doing but you have no doubts at all and will push ahead regardless. The Sun in Aries endows you with loads of energy and almost limitless self-belief.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If someone is critical of your work today, don't let it get to you. Either they don't know what they are talking about or they are trying to make a small flaw or failing look much bigger than it actually is.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Whatever happens today, try not to take it too seriously. Others may think it's the end of the world, but you know it's nowhere near as dramatic as that. It's life, that's all.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Focus on what seems right to you and ignore what the so-called "experts" tell you. Ultimately there is no such thing as facts. There are only various shades of opinion Yours deserve to be heard.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The more certain people say you have taken on too much, the more determined you will be to prove them wrong. Sagittarius is a sign that likes to do things in a big way.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Steer clear of negative thoughts because once they have got their hooks in you, it will take a lot of work to break free. Everything will work out for the best in the end.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you want a creative endeavor to be a success, you are going to need help and this is a good time to ask. Others want to be on your team because they know it's the one most likely to win.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If someone changes their plans at the last moment today, don't let it show that you're not happy. Breath deeply, count to 20, then give them a big smile and say "no problem". And never trust them again. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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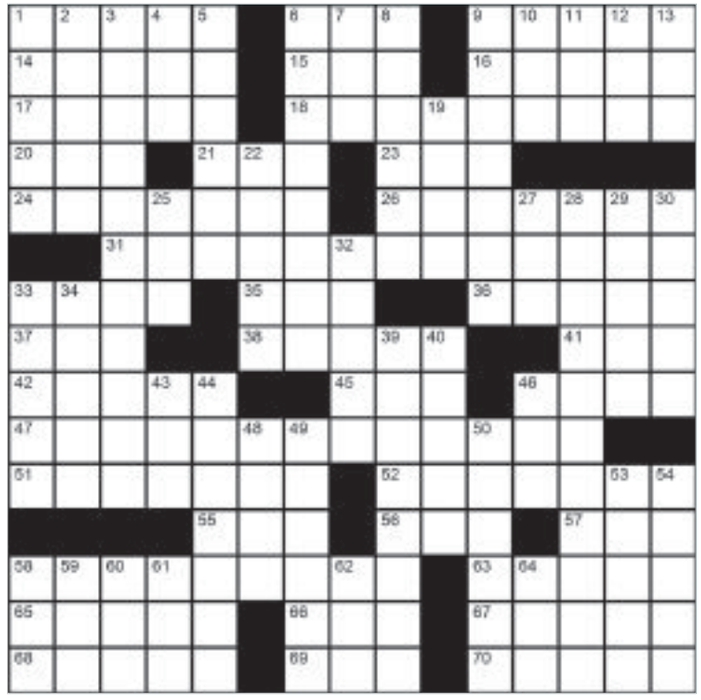


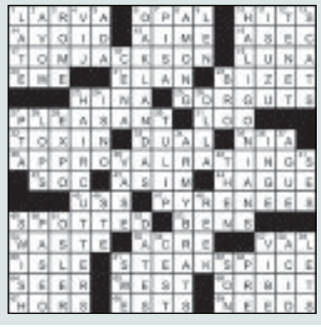
Across

1. Packed into boxes
6. Goat's bleat
9. Art object
14. Quick
15. Alphabetic trio
16. Best
17. Grief [var. sp.]
18. In a not-one-side-over-the-other way
20. Earlier, olde-style
21. Shopping estab.
23. Sinn Fein was its political arm, for short
24. "Soul Sacrifice" band
26. Ontario town; or, Ms. Lohan
31. Orca-viewing village on Vancouver Island that's about four-and-a-half hours north of Nanaimo: 2 wds.
33. Scoop
35. Him, in Hull
36. Ghana's capital
37. Masses, with Polloi
38. Resulted in, __ __ to
41. '_' __ for Iberville
42. Mr. Guthrie's
45. __ whim: 2 wds.
46. Freeze
47. Trendy (and bloody) new skincare procedure in a cosmetic surgery clinic: 2 wds.
51. Heart
52. Feminine and masculine
55. Long-snouted fish
56. Clairvoyance, e.g.
57. Sight: French
58. Exactness
63. "_ __ my case." (There's nothing more to add)
65. Plains prey
66. Keyboard key
67. Today: April __, Two Thousand and Fourteen
68. BC - Haida Gwaii: UNESCO World Heritage Site, __ Gwaay
69. Mr. Orbison
70. Ms. Perry's

Down

1. Pl. suffix with 'Motor'
2. Ancient shopping locale
3. Fare for Canada's Mary Pickford (b.1892 - d.1979): 2 wds.
4. Brit band
5. Of the skin
6. Romeo's family, House of __
7. Copy
8. 'Eagle' constellation where Altair shines
9. Flesh-chomping fish
10. __ Red (Apple)
11. Snake-like splasher
12. Dietary number, for short
13. Cathedral city
19. Journey
22. Sad-sounding ring
25. Mr. Fabi of car racing
27. Ancient Rome's 700
28. Party or wedding, for example: 2 wds.
29. Ms. Lavigne
30. Loaf leavener
32. Get __ __ (Throw away)
33. "_ __ something to say..."
34. Ms. Ephron's
39. Montreal-based ICAO, for one: 2 wds.
40. Strides
43. Unclose, archaically
44. Celine Dion's skill
46. Fooled
48. Some TVs
49. More spooky
50. "Pretty __ __" (1986) starring Molly Ringwald
53. Oxidized
54. Mr. Rogen's
58. "Downton Abbey" network
59. 18-wheeler
60. That, in Tijuana
61. Defraud
62. Bear: Spanish
64. Narrow inlet

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	4	6	2	8	9	3	7	1
9	1	3	4	5	7	6	8	2
8	7	2	3	1	6	4	9	5
6	3	5	1	9	2	8	4	7
4	9	1	7	6	8	5	2	3
2	8	7	5	3	4	9	1	6
3	2	8	6	4	1	7	5	9
7	5	4	9	2	3	1	6	8
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